THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The details for Northern India States of Bihar, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh as on 28.2.1993 are as under:

State	Total No. of Villages	No. of Villages having telephone facility.
Bihar	67,566	6,746
Haryana	6,745	3,321
Uttar Pradesh	1,12,561	13,814

(b) Following targets have been proposed for the year 1993-94:

Bihar	3000
Haryana	1800
Uttar Pradesh	12000

All the Panchayat Villages have been planned to be covered with telephone facility progressively by 31st March, 1995, subject to availability of resources. Thereafter, the provision of telephone facility in non-Panchayat Villages will be undertaken to the extent of availability of resources.

Deputation of Indian Express in Postal Committees of other countries

3936. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representatives from the country are deputed as experts in different Postal Committees in the World;

(b) if so, what are the details of such Postal Committees in which Indian experts are presently serving or have served during the last five years; and

(c) what is the number of such experts that were sent from the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Representatives from Indian Postal Administration are deputed to participate in the meetings of the Executive Council (EC) and the Consultative Council for Postal Studies (CCPS) which are organs of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a specialized agency of the United Nations, headquartered at Berne, Switzerland. Besides, repreentaives of our Postal Administration also participate in the meetings of some of the Committees of the Executive Council and Consultative Council for Postal Studies like the Executive Council Committees on Terminal Dues, Management of the Union and Committee 7 of the CCPS dealing with Postal Development and Washington General Action Plan. Representatives from our Postal Administration also participate in the SAARC Technical Committee meeting concerning Postal Services and in the Standing Committee of Technical Cooperation and Assistance of the Asian Pacific Union Executive Council. Services of Indian Postal Experts are also made available to the UPU for working as UPU/UNDP Consultants, mainly under the UPU's Technical Assistance Programmes, in different areas of Postal activities in other countries. Postal Experts from India are also deputed to member countries of the SAARC to act as consultant for specified duration in selected areas of postal activities.

While representatives from Indian Postal Administration have been participating in meetings of various bodies of UPU and some of the Commi-

ttees set up under their aegis as indicated above presently no Indian expert is serving abroad in any Postal Committee on a full time basis. The Indian Postal Administration have, however, lent the services of Experts for varying periods during the last five years for appointment as Consultants/Experts.

(c) While deputation of Experts is done keeping in view the suitability of a particular officer, viz-a-vis the assignment, on the basis of available information, during the last five years; no officer working in the Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle at the time of deputation was finally selected by the UPU to serve as Postal Expert abroad in a specified area of Postal activity.

Telephone Directory supplied in Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh

3937. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the paper used in the telephone directory of Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh is of a very poor quality and the names and telephone numbers of consumers are not readable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As Bulandshahar forms part of Ghaziabad Telecom District, the names and telephone numbers of subscribers of Bulandshahar are published in the telephone directory of Ghaziabad Telecom District. The paper used for printing telephone directory is of standard quality. The names and addresses of subscribers of Bulandshahar are printed normally and no complaints have been received by the General Manager, Telecom Ghaziabad on this issue.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

बुलन्दशहर उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन

3938. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1992–93 के वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के बुलंदशहर जिले के कुल कितने गांवों को टेलीफोन कनैक्शन दिए गए हैं ;

(ख) क्या ये टेलीफोन सही ढंग से काम कर रहे हैं, यदि नहीं, तो उस जिले के कितने गांवों से इनके सही ढंग से काम न करने की शिकायतें मिली हैं ; और

(ग) उक्त जिले के कुल कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन लगाने का कार्य अभी भी लंबित पड़ा है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) वर्ष 1992–93 के दौरान 25 मार्च, 1993 तक 129 पंचायत ग्रामों को टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान की जा चुकी है ।

(ख) यह सूचित किया गया है कि उपयुक्त सभी टेलीफोन ठीक से काम कर रहे हैं । कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) 20 गांव ।

Waiting List of Telephone Connections in Ludhiana

3939. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list in Ludhiana in